

### REMARKS

Claims 1-47 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant has become aware that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records indicate that this application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application 60/509,530, filed on October 9, 2003 (henceforth, “the ‘530 application”). Please be advised, that this is not the case: This application does not claim the benefit of any other U.S. patent or patent application. In an attempt to correct the Office records, Applicant has today filed an Application Data Sheet, in which the continuity data section has been left blank.

Applicant assumes that the error may have arisen from a statement that appears as the first line on page 1 of the application, which indicates that this application is “related” to the ‘530 application. However, no claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 was ever made, and should not be assumed by the Office.

If the Examiner has any questions about this, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 1.703.718.8884.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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